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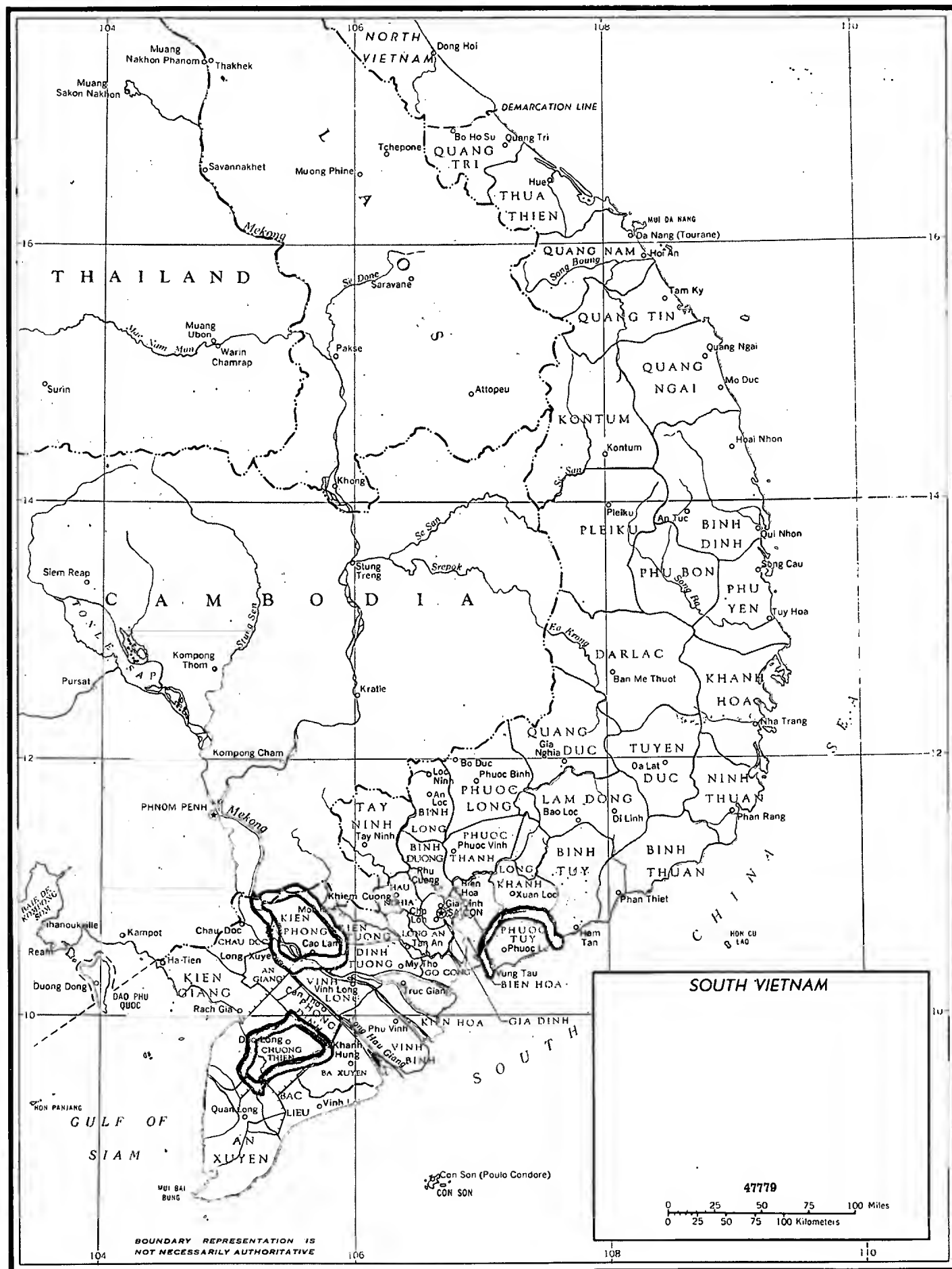
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1. South Vietnam

The major US search-and-destroy operation southeast of Saigon continues according to plan. Only light enemy sniper fire has been encountered so far.

A similar South Vietnamese operation in Chuong Thien Province southwest of the capital has accounted thus far for a total of 204 Communist guerrillas killed. Allied casualties stand at 19 killed and 37 wounded.

A Viet Cong force, estimated to be a reinforced battalion, attacked a training center in Kien Phong Province yesterday with mortars, recoilless rifles, and machine guns. The provincial capital was subjected to heavy mortar fire at the same time. Heavy government losses have been reported.

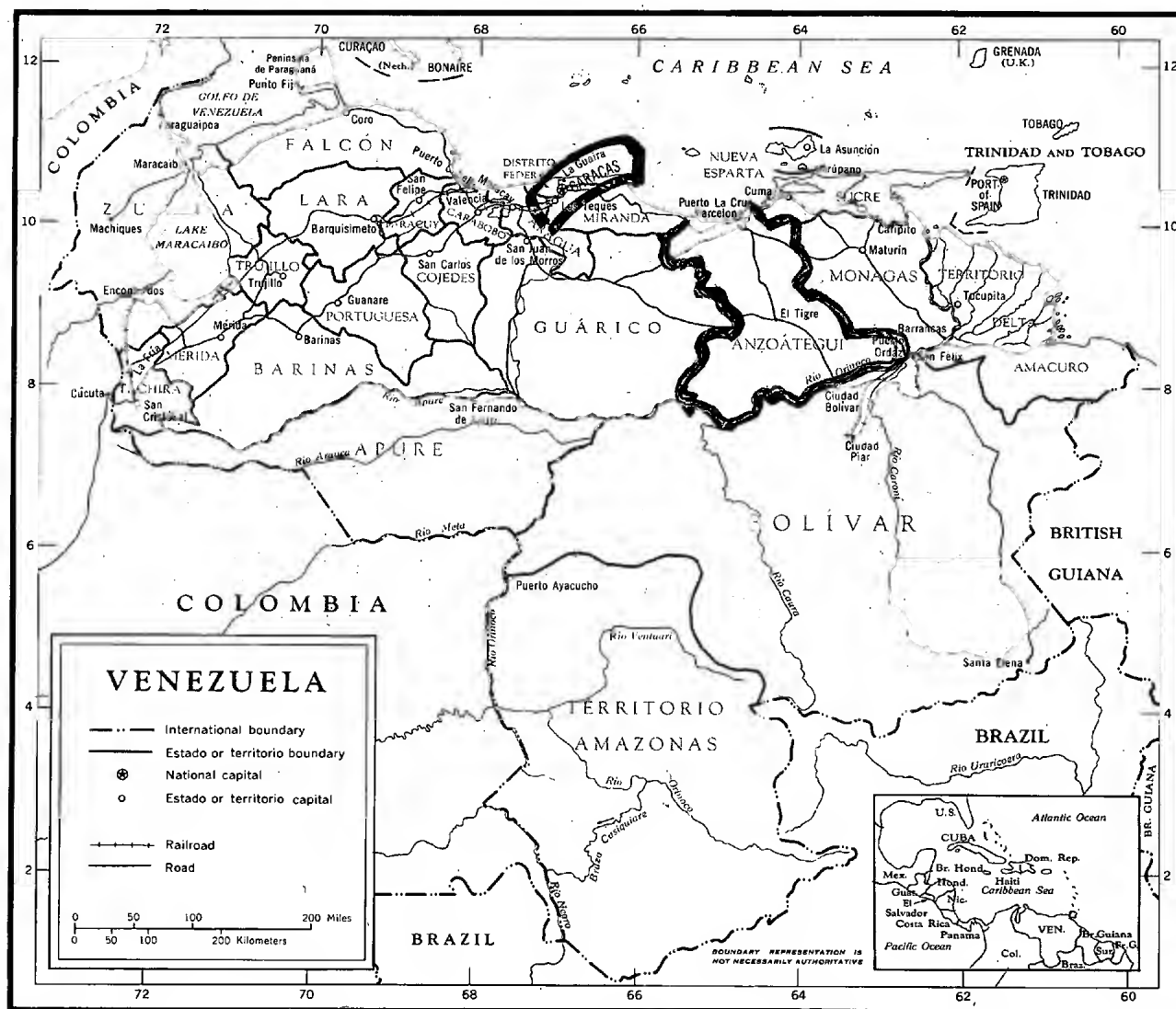
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3. Dominican Republic

While negotiations toward a provisional government drag on, several factions in the rebel camp are reported to be increasingly eager for an early settlement.

Leaders of Juan Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary Party are voicing concern lest they lose control to extremist elements. Leading members of the orthodox Moscow-oriented Communist Party see an early settlement as an assist to their later electoral chances, in some hoped-for combination with Bosch's party.

The hard-line extremist factions, however, still favor a prolongation of the situation through guerrilla actions, despite declining morale in the rebel camp generally.

4. Venezuela

A new wave of violence appears to have been launched by the Communist Armed Forces of National Liberation.

Communist leaders on 28 July were planning a series of attacks on US installations and personnel in Caracas as well as against the police. This is to be the Communist response to a police raid on a funeral home during eulogies for a prominent comrade who had died in prison.

In Anzoátegui State, eastern Venezuela, where a new Communist terrorist group was formed recently, new acts of sabotage have been mounted against US-owned oil installations over the past several days.

US personnel in Caracas who are possible targets have been warned and given protection, and President Leoni last night ordered a roundup of Communists there. He has also declared a state of emergency in Anzoátegui.

5. Honduras

The government has declared a state of siege in anticipation of some violent reaction to the killing of a student in Tegucigalpa by government guards yesterday. This death, in the course of a rally protesting the activities of government strike breakers during an abortive general strike on 27 July, provides opposition groups and Communist elements with a martyr.

So far today, the capital was reported quiet. The right of free assembly, among others, has been suspended and the government will not hesitate to crack down.

6. Greece

A resolution to the crisis is no nearer. According to the press, tonight's parliamentary session ended with the pronouncement of the acting speaker that the Novas government was unable to secure a quorum and "is considered as fallen."

An attempt to form a government under former deputy premier Stephanopoulos might still be in the cards.

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[redacted] King Constantine [redacted] doubted that Novas could win a parliamentary vote of confidence but [redacted] 50X1
would support him till the vote came. 50X1
Then [redacted] he would probably give the mandate to Stephanopoulos, despite the vacillation of the latter.

The King, who appears to be operating pretty much on his own, still sees the army as his last line of defense.

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